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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 7, 9-13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25 and 34-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 8, 14, 16, 22, 24, 38 and 41 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a method for coordinating members multicast group, the specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to understand how transmitting control directive, alone, could achieve the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Since, claim 1 is a single step claim, i.e., where a step recitation does not appear in combination with another steps, is subject to an undue breadth, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. See *In re Hyatt*, 708 F.2d 712, 714-715, 218 USPQ 195, 197 (Fed. Cir. 1983) (A single means claim which covered every conceivable means for achieving the stated purpose was held nonenabling for the scope of the claim because the specification disclosed at most only those means known to the inventor.). When claims depend on a recited property, a fact situation comparable to *Hyatt* is possible, where the claim covers every conceivable structure (means) for achieving the stated property (result) while the specification discloses at most only those known to the inventor. (MPEP 2164.08(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 & 103 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, 15, 17-21, 23, 25 and 34-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Lee et al (US.

6,728,777).

5. Regarding claims 1, Lee disclose a method for coordinating multipoint group members in a multicast network environment, comprising: transmitting control directives between group members across a shared end-to-end multicast tree (control directives in light of specification referred to message for controlling data, packet direction or route, Lee teaches nodes join multicast tree transmitting route control messages to root, or other nodes, Col. 5, l30-67).

6. Regarding claims 6, 10, 18, 23, 31 and 39, Lee discloses the aggregate route is passed along a neighbor nodes base of destination address. The teaching implied the message would have to traversed in either upward or downward the multicast tree base on the address.

7. Regarding claims 2, 11, 19, 27 and 35, Lee discloses the message is aggregate route message (Col. 7, lines 20-31, aggregate TE from newly Join nodes).

8. Regarding claims 3-4, 12-13, 20-21, 28-29 and 36-37, Lee discloses combining requests for the same information, in a node along a path to a target node (Col. 7, lines 32-45, this passage teaches request for resource of Join node is merge somewhere along the route, e.g., intermediate node).

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9. Regarding claims 7, 9, 15, 17, 32, 34 and 40, Lee discloses assigning recursively and top-down unique prefix labels to each node joining the tree; wherein a child node label contains as prefix the label of its parent (Col. 8, lines 14-22, Join node using the same prefix).

10. Claims 26-33 are allowed.

11. Claims 5, 8, 14, 16, 22, 24, 38 and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

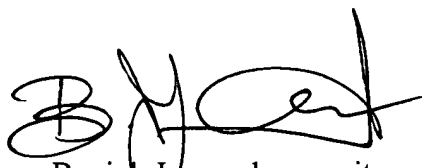
12. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record failed to teach the combination of constructing routing information for control multicast routing, i.e., control directive or traffic engineer, and component of aggregate control protocol and in functionalities, i.e. floor control, floor holder node, and their functionality as recited in the aforesaid claims. Claims 26-33 are also allowed by the same rationale set forth.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit whose telephone number is (571) 272-3913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit', is positioned above the printed name.

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